

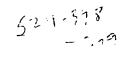


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ETHYLENE VINYL ALCOHOL COPOLYMERS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b)

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner may deem these documents to be relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. A copy of each publication is enclosed for convenience of the Examiner.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP \$609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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